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Care of Employees.

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Purchasers.

"The practice established in the spring of 1905 of calling for bids on materials and supplies on the basis of the price covering delivery on the Isthmus has been continued, and the commission has been successful in its work."

Recreation.

"The commission has made some progress in its efforts to provide means of amusement for its employees. The health department has been successful in its work, and the canal zone is now a healthy place."

Location of Locks.

"Since the decision by Congress in June last, decreasing the construction of a lock canal at an elevation of eighty-five feet, the commission has been in position to enter upon the second stage, that of actual construction of a lock canal at an elevation of eight feet, authorized by Congress in June last."

Force Employed.

"In November, 1905, the commission's employees numbered approximately 17,000, and in November, 1906, the number was practically the same. Of these, 12,613 were under the department of construction and engineering, 1,128 under the department of material and supplies, 2,291 under the department of government and disbursing offices, and 137 in the auditing and disbursing offices."

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"Of the 17,000 men, about 3,700 were on the gold rolls, virtually all white Americans, and 13,300 on the silver rolls, mainly aliens. This number does not include the people employed on the Panama Railroad."

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"The above number represents the approximate number that was actually on the gold rolls at the end of November, 1906, and does not include a large number of men—especially West Indian laborers—who for various reasons are not continually employed by the commission, but who possibly work a few months each year and who are nevertheless under the jurisdiction of the commission as far as quarantining, police and sanitation are concerned."

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"Including these men, there are in round numbers about 25,000 men under the direct jurisdiction of the Isthmian Canal Commission and Panama Railroad Company."

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CONGRESS HALTS FOR HOLIDAYS

Senator Foraker Severely Criticizes the President About Discharge of Negro Troops.

BANDIES WORDS WITH LODGE

Members of the House Wish Speaker Cannon a Merry Xmas.

WASHINGTON, December 20.—Senator Foraker occupied the attention of the Senate in its last session before the holiday recess to-day in extended criticism of the basis of President Roosevelt's action in discharging the negro troops of the Twenty-fifth Infantry on account of the Brownsville raid. He was replied to briefly by Senator Lodge, while Senator Scott sustained the demand of the Ohio Senator for a full investigation of the matter by the Senate Military Committee. A resolution directing such an investigation is before the Senate for action at its next meeting.

Senator Foraker began his speech with the broad declaration that "the President misconceived his constitutional power when he discharged the troops, and he also misconceived the testimony on which his action was based."

Continuing, Mr. Foraker said that the President's constitutional power was simply to command the army and navy as commander-in-chief, while to Congress the Constitution gave power to make and to make rules and regulations for their government. The regulations prescribed that no man could be summarily discharged without a right to be tried, and the articles of war, he argued, prescribed in detail how these trials are to be conducted.

All punishments should be in accordance with the directions of courts-martial, he contended, after reading at length the articles of war. It was inconceivable that the President should be absolutely without restraint.

Autocratic Power.

The President, he said, stated in his message that those soldiers were guilty of mutiny, and had been discharged for that reason. He followed this with a long and detailed account of the Brownsville raid, and the discharge of the negro troops.

This was all to guard against the exercise of an autocratic power, Congress, to provide against excessive punishments, he limited the penalties.

Mr. Foraker closed from the work of General Davis on "Military Law," where refusal to give testimony was an offense under the head of "disorder," and was punishable by court-martial.

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